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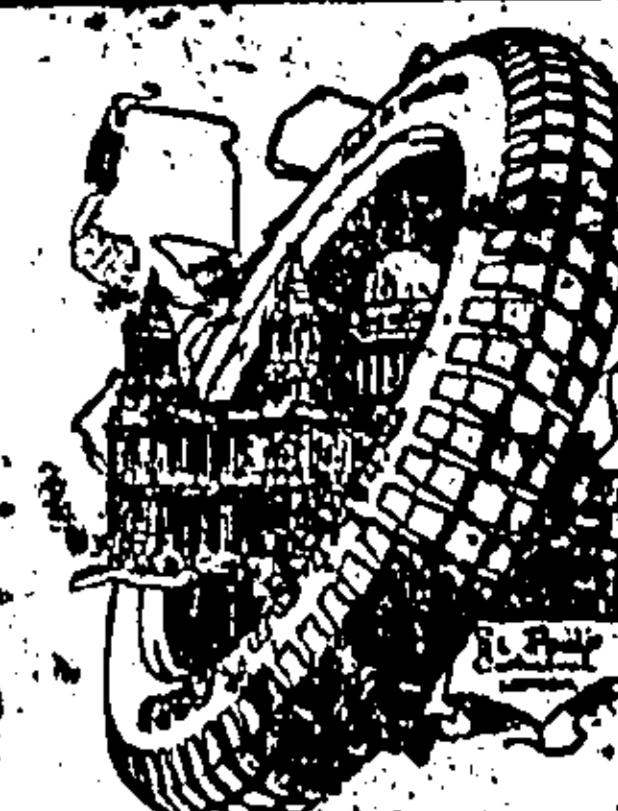
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LORD STAMFORDHAM PASSES AWAY.

Over Fifty Years in the Royal Service
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London, Yesterday. The death occurred to-day at St. James's Palace of Baron Stamfordham, Lt.-Col. the Rt. Hon. Arthur John Bigge, Private Secretary to H.M. the King since 1910, in his eighty-second year. As a young man he took part in the Zulu War, being a captain in the Royal Artillery.—Reuter.

Record of Service.

Viscount Stamfordham, the King's principal private secretary and confidential adviser, who recently underwent an operation in London, completed fifty years of service in the Royal household this year.

As Captain Arthur Bigge, of the Royal Artillery, he was the officer deputed to accompany the late ex-Empress Eugenie of France to the scene of her son's death in Zululand. This brought him under the notice of Queen Victoria, who rewarded him for his services by appointing him, in 1881, to be one of her grooms-in-waiting.

He had not held this position long before the Queen chose him to be her private secretary in succession to Sir Henry Ponsonby, and he held this position until her death in 1901. He then passed into the service of the present King.

Early at Work.

Although Lord Stamfordham was in his eighty-first year, he was as alert and vigorous as ever, and might often be seen in the morning striding briskly along from his official residence in the precincts of St. James's Palace to his duties at Buckingham Palace, where was always early at work.

It is understood that he proposed to retire from Court as soon as he had completed his "jubilee," there, and that the King had intended to bestow on him some tangible reward for his fifty years of faithful service. The King will miss his "right hand."

His work during the war period was of a particularly exacting character. Its full value will probably never be completely realised by the outside world. (See early cable on page 9).

MILITARY COSTS.

SUBSTANTIAL DECREASE IN BRITAIN.

INCREASES ELSEWHERE.

Rugby, Yesterday. Answering a question in the House of Commons to-day the Minister for War, Mr. Tom Shaw, said that preliminary figures showed that only in the case of Great Britain was there a substantial percentage decrease in 1930, compared with 1924, in national expenditure on military services. In the case of Japan there had been a small decrease, but in respect of France, Italy, the United States, and Russia there were increases. British Wireless Service.

SIR J. SALMOND.

FLIGHT FROM MARSEILLES TO MALTA.

Rugby, Yesterday. The Air Chief Marshal, Sir John Salmond, who is to make an inspection tour of Air Force Stations in Malta, Egypt, Palestine, and Trans-Jordan, arrived in Malta this afternoon in one of two British flying boats which flew 780 miles from Marseilles in 7½ hours.

BRITAIN & CHINA.

EXTRALITY REPORTS OFFICIALLY DENIED.

Nanking, To-day. Replying to enquiries regarding widespread reports that the extra-territorial negotiations between Great Britain and China have reached a deadlock, Sir Miles Lampson, our statesman, says that they are not true. The conversations have merely been suspended over the Easter holidays. Dr. C. G. Wang, Foreign Minister, also denies that the negotiations have resulted in deadlock.—Reuter.

DISASTER TO THE R101

OPINION OF THE EXPERTS.

POSSIBLE CAUSES

NO FAILURE OF CONTROL GEAR.

Rugby, Yesterday.

The report on the disaster of the R101, which was destroyed in France when all but eight of 54 people on board perished instantly in flames, is unanimous.

It offers no opinion on the future of airships, recognising that it is for others to determine whether the experiment should be further pursued, and it is devoted entirely to the course and cause of the specific event.

For this purpose important features in construction and subsequent modifications and reconstruction of the vessel, together with the history of its former flights, are carefully examined.

Definite Facts.

Discussing the cause of the disaster the Court started with a series of definitely ascertained facts which the inquiry established as follows:

When the watch was changed at 2 a.m. there was no cause for immediate alarm known to those in charge of the navigation of the ship. The vessel must have been at least 1,000 feet above the ground. The ground itself at this point is two or three hundred feet above sea level. At 2 a.m. the elevator wheel would be handed over to another height coxswain, who would not at once get the feel of the ship. The weather was exceedingly bad. The ship in her trials had lost gas at an abnormal rate, certainly by the wearing of the holes in the gasbags and perhaps through her valves when she rolled.

Failed to Keep Height.

On the Indian journey she had rolled more than ever before, and had failed to keep the height as the Officer of Watch intended at an earlier period. If she was becoming increasingly heavy, this could be counteracted by a suitable lift of the elevator, but in very bumpy weather it would be more difficult to detect the rate and extent of the change.

All her engines had been running satisfactorily at cruising speed for a considerable time right down to 2 a.m. This ought to give a speed through the air of a little over 50 knots. The course of the vessel was not directly in the teeth of the wind, and her speed over the ground might be expected to be 15 to 20 miles per hour.

Descended Rapidly.

In these circumstances at about 2.5 her nose dropped, and she continued in this position for about 30 seconds, descending rapidly. Her pitch downward was sufficiently severe to wake up a man who was asleep in his bunk and to cause things to slide to the lower end of the smoke-room.

The height coxswain, by putting his elevator up, succeeded at length in bringing the ship again to about even keel, but she remained in this position only for a few seconds. At about the time when it appeared that she was not further responding to the elevator so as to recover her height, the Officer of the Watch gave orders through the engine-room telegraph to reduce speed.

About two moments the vessel got into a second steep dive which lasted for only a few seconds before she struck earth. The impact was not severe.

"Vessel Could Recover."

The slowing down of the engines, combined with the warning given by the crew, is only consistent with the view, having been taken that the vessel could recover. Apart from reducing speed, the only other action that could be instantly taken to lighten the impact would be to drop such ballast as could be released from the control cars. Releasing the ballast in the nose of the ship, which could not be automatically controlled was a further and simpler operation, and it is likely to do this.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES IN TROUBLE.

Water Works Inspector in Court.

BAILIFF CHARGED.

A Chinese Water Works Inspector, Li Lu-sung, who has been in the employment of the P.W.D. since November, 1924, appeared before Mr. E. W. Hamilton in the Kowloon Police Court this morning charged with unlawfully obtaining \$80 from Ho Kam-lin, by saying that he would expedite the laying of water service to the latter's property at Nos. 201, 203, 207, and 209, Tong Mei Road, Shamshui-poo, in February.

An additional charge of obtaining money from Ho Kam-lin by implying that he had been authorised by a European official to collect \$50, with a view to influencing the laying of a water service to certain houses was also preferred.

Mr. Loseby appeared for the defence, and a week's remand was granted, bail of \$500 being allowed.

Official Receiver Prosecutes.

Serious charges were preferred against Wong Sik, a bailiff of the Supreme Court, before Mr. E. H. Williams in the Central Police Court this morning, namely:—(a) That he at 24, Wing Wo Street, on March 30, being a person entrusted with others with certain property, namely, six sacks of iron castings, in order that he might retain the same in safe custody, fraudulently did convert the same to his own benefit; (b) that he on March 30 did steal six sacks of iron castings.

The complainant on the charge sheet was stated as the Official Receiver, who was represented in Court by Mr. H. J. Millington (head bailiff).

Mr. F. X. d'Almada, jun., appeared for the accused and asked for a remand.

His Worship fixed the hearing of the case for April 9, at 2.15 p.m. and allowed bail in the sum of \$500.

The fire did not break out till after the ship struck ground.

Numbers of Explanations.

First among the explanations definitely reported by the Court is any idea that the vessel, from internal weakness, broke up in the air.

Secondly, the explanation is set aside that there was any failure of the control gear.

Thirdly, the Court reaches the conclusion that the accident could not be explained solely by reference to abnormal weather conditions, although the weather was the predisposing cause.

Fourthly, there is no reason to attribute the accident to any failure in the competence of the officers or crew, but in view of the recent change of watch and of the prevailing weather it may well have been impossible to bring the ship rapidly back to a horizontal position if her nose was forced down in the way suggested.

Fifthly, the longitudinal gasbag movement is so limited in extent that by itself it is quite insufficient to account for the serious loss of control, even in tempestuous conditions.

Substantial Loss of Gas.

The experts who gave evidence believe that the explanation of the disaster must be associated with the substantial loss of gas, and the report discusses whether the loss was general throughout the length of the ship or chiefly concentrated in the fore-part. Was the loss gradual or due to a sudden catastrophe which would empty the forward gasbag immediately before the final dive? Or, is the explanation of the gradual loss spread over the considerable catastrophic loss?

Mr. Ezechiel, no doubt, was unaware that the Mexican dollar ceased to be legal tender in the Colony last year, by an Order in Council published in the Government Gazette in June.

After examining the views of the experts on these points, the Court reaches the conclusion that there were three phases in the final movements of the R101.

In the first she drops her nose and descends at a noticeable steep angle for half a minute before, by the use of the up-elevator, she is brought back to approximately a horizontal position.

The second phase then begins and continues for a short time during which, in spite of her utmost efforts, she does not succeed in getting her nose appreciably up, but continues horizontal until she suddenly passes into the third phase, when she dives again, and strikes ground almost at an angle of at least fifteen degrees.

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THE SILVER ENQUIRY

CURRENCY EXPERTS IN COLONY.

MEETING TO-DAY

INTERVIEW WITH THE GOVERNOR.

Mr. P. H. Emanuel, C.M.G., and Mr. G. L. M. Clauson, O.B.E., (Secretary), two of the members of the Currency Commission which was appointed by the Colonial Office recently to enquire into the currency affairs of Hong Kong, arrived in the Colony this morning on board the N.Y.K. s.s. Wakasa Maru. Mr. W. H. Clegg, the leader of the Commission, is expected shortly. They are at present staying at the Peninsula Hotel, Kowloon.

Long Conference.

The *China Mail* understands that Mr. Ezechiel and Mr. Clauson had a long conference this morning with His Excellency the Governor, Sir William Peel, K.C.M.G., and the Colonial Treasurer (the Hon. Mr. C. M. Messer) and other officials, to dis-

cuss the preliminary steps to be taken by the Commission in their enquiry. It is understood that they remained to tiffin at Government House.

The recently issued Memorandum and other data drawn up by the local Currency Committee will be placed before the Commissioners, who will have interviews with the leading bankers and others who sat on the Committee appointed last year.

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PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on TUESDAY, the 7th day of April, 1931, at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of one Lot of Crown Land at Mong Kok Tsui, in the Colony of Hong Kong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

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No. of Sale.	Report No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Square Feet.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
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Hong Kong, 28th March, 1931.

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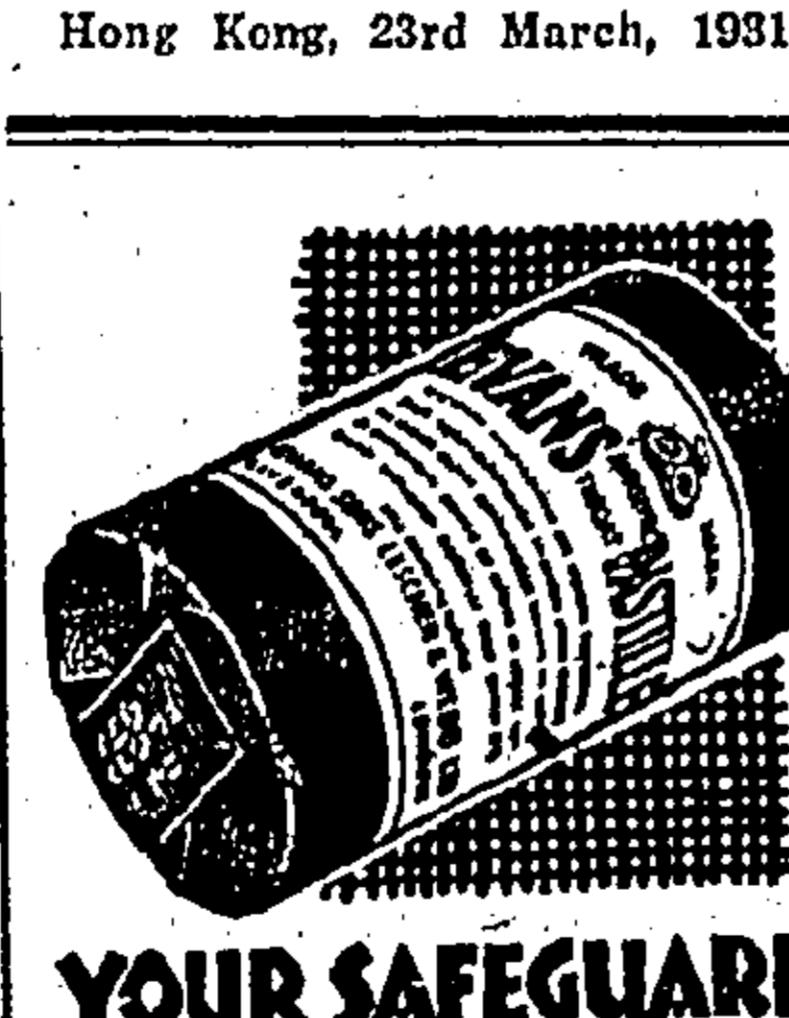
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CALCUTTA via Singapore Belawan Deli & Rangoon.	Burma Maru Thurs., 2nd Apr.
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Kowloon Branch 8 a.m.—9 a.m. 8 a.m.—noon 8 a.m.—noon

Sheungwan Branch 8 a.m.—9 a.m. & 8 a.m.—8 a.m. & 8 a.m.—9 a.m.

6 p.m.—7 p.m. 6 p.m.—7 p.m. 6 p.m.—7 p.m.

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KARMALA	9,128	11th Apr.	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
RAJPUTANA	16,555	25th Apr.	Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
ESOUUDAN	-	2nd May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay, Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KIDDERPORE	5,334	5th May	Straits, Colombo & Bombay, Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KALYAN	9,144	9th May	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
COMORIN	15,192	23rd May	Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
BURDWAN	-	30th May	Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
KASHMIR	8,985	6th June	Mars., L'don, Hull, R'dam & A'werp, Bonbay, Marseilles & London.
RANIPURA	16,601	20th June	M'scilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp, Bonbay, Marseilles & London.
KASHGAR	9,005	4th July	M'scilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp, Bonbay, Marseilles & London.
RAWALPINDI	16,619	18th July	M'scilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp, Bonbay, Marseilles & London.
KHYBER	2,114	1st Aug.	M'scilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp, Bonbay, Marseilles & London.
SOMALI	-	8th Aug.	M'scilles, L'don, R'dam & A'werp, Bonbay, Marseilles & London.
RAJPUTANA	16,568	15th Aug.	Bombay, Marseilles & London.
KARMALA	9,128	29th Aug.	Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
CATHAY	16,121	12th Sept.	Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
ESOUUDAN	-	19th Sept.	Mars., London, Hull, Hamburg, Rotterdam & Antwerp.
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SANTHIA	7,754	4th Apr.	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
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TAKADA	6,949	3rd May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
SIRDHANA	7,745	10th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.
TILAWA	10,000	27th May	Singapore, Penang & Calcutta.

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		1931.	
NELLORE	6,853	1st May	Manila, Rabaul, Brisbane, Sydney & Melbourne.
TANDA	6,956	30th May	
ST. ALBANS	4,504	1st July	

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SAILINGS TO SHANGHAI & JAPAN.

		1931.	
NELLORE	6,853	6th Apr.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Y'hama.
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TAKADA	6,949	11th Apr.	Moji, Shai, Moji, Kobe & Osaka.
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RAJPUTANA	16,586	17th July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.
KARMALA	9,128	31st July	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama.

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TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME.

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station, Z.B.W. on a wavelength of 355 metres.

5-7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.

7-11 p.m.—European Programme of Columbia Records kindly supplied by Messrs. Anderson Music Co.

7-7.36 p.m.—Band Selections.

La Benediction Des Peignards (Meyerbeer).

Lo Herr der Grinde Lark (Bishop).

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (1922).

The Skaters (Waldbauer).

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (1946).

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Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (941).

Barcarolle (Tschitschikowsky).

Value Creole (Tschitschikowsky).

Regimental Band of H.M. Grenadier Guards (1932).

7.36-8.20 p.m.—Concert Items.

8 p.m.—Weather Report, Local Time, etc.

Organ Solo—Ballad Memories (arr. Maclean), Quentlin M. Maclean (DX155).

Song—The Kerry Dance (Molloy), Doris Vane, Soprano (DX157).

Song—The Bay of Biscay (Cherry & Davy), Tom Bowring (Dobbin), William Hazeltine, Tenor (DX70).

Octet—Chant Sans Parole (Tschitschikowsky, arr. Scarr), Invitation to the Vale (Weber, arr. Scarr), J. H. Squire Celeste Octet (9608).

Song—Roll On, Thou Deep and Dark Blue Ocean (Dale & Petrie), Norman Allin, Bass (9807).

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All claims against the steamer must be presented to the Undersigned on or before the 14th April, 1931, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 30th instant at 10 a.m. by Messrs. Goddard and Douglas.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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Hong Kong, 24th March, 1931.

HONG KONG TIDES.

The time used is Standard, or mean time of the meridian of 120° E.; 0oh is midnight, 12hrs. is noon. The heights are referred to the datum of the largest scale Admiralty chart of the place, and should be added to the depths given on the chart unless preceded by an asterisk (*), when they should be subtracted from the depths.

March 31 to April 6, 1931.

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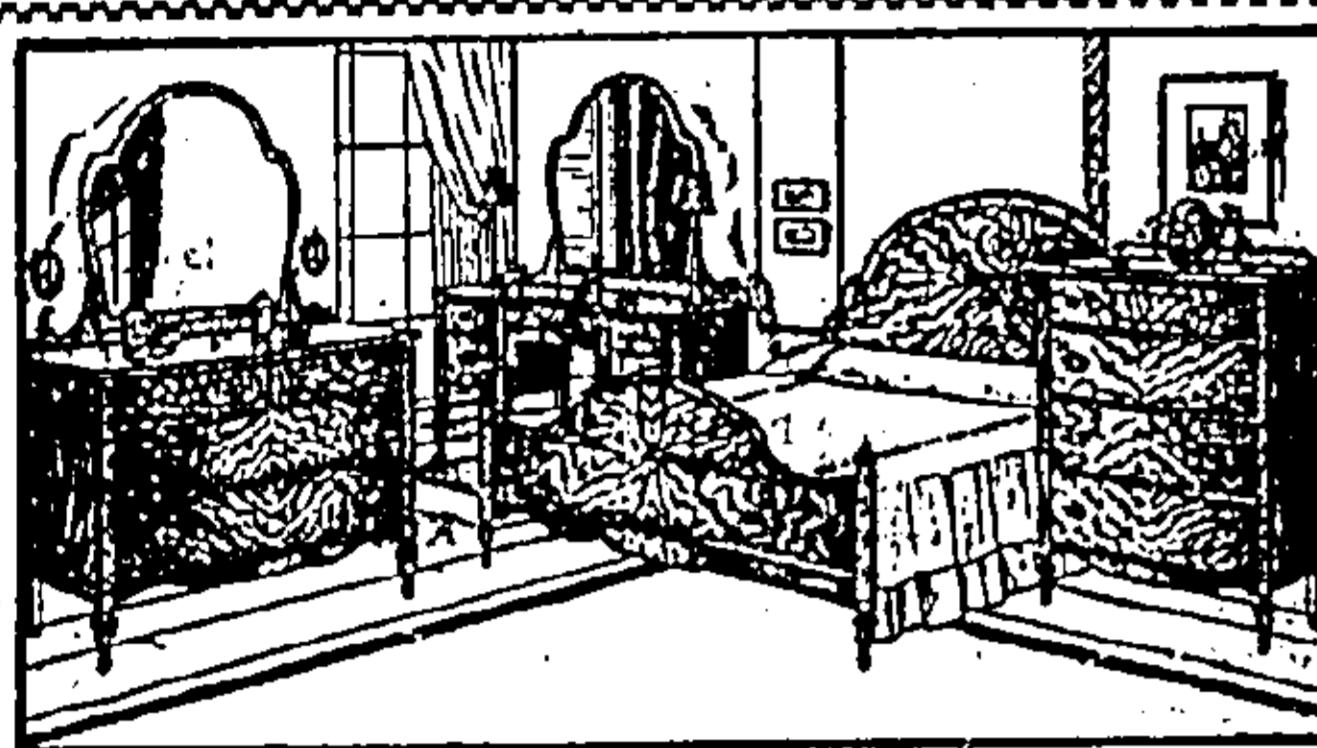
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We are informed by the Registrar that the meeting of the Court of the University has, for unavoidable reasons, been postponed until 5.15 p.m. on Monday, April 27. The meeting will be held in the University.

A painter named Yip Hung (21) was taken to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries to his head and hands, resulting from a fall off a scaffold whilst painting the outside of No. 236, Queen's Road West, first floor.

A Chinese woman, Kwong Mu, was arrested at Yaumati Railway Station in possession of 6,012 Canton po pu lottery tickets, valued at \$2,661. In the Kowloon Police Court to-day, she was fined \$50 or one month's imprisonment.

Found in a dwelling house at 35, Portland Street at 12.15 a.m. and unable to give a reasonable explanation for being there, a Chinese, Cheung King, was in the Kowloon Police Court to-day sent to jail for three months.

An official notice has been issued to the effect that Captain Parry, of H.M.S. *Vindictive*, is promoted to the conventional fineness of 985 and Rear-Admiral, and has been placed on the retired list. H.M.S. *Vindictive* left Sheerness on March 6 for trooping duties in the Far East.

A brown chow dog, belonging to Pun O, of 146 Lockhart Road, has been taken to Kennedy Town for observation. It bit a Japanese woman, F. Takama, who resides at 404 Hennessey Road. She was treated in the Moshima Hospital, Wan Chai.

Unlawful possession of 106 lb. of Chinese tobacco on which duty had not been paid, at No. 12, Prince Edward Road, was returned to Leung Wai, being fined \$1,100 with the option of six months' hard labour, when he appeared in the Kowloon Police Court to-day.

Cheung Yu-man (22), stated to have no fixed place of abode, is now lying in the Government Civil Hospital in a serious condition, as the result of a stab wound in the left shoulder alleged to have been inflicted by Li Hi (16), also of no fixed address. The latter is suffering from a cut in the head, which is alleged to have been inflicted by Cheung. The men had apparently quarrelled.

An inquiry into the death of an old Chinese woman, who was knocked down by a motor cycle driven by Mr. Lee Wing-chan, a clerk at the Dollar Steamship Co. at the junction of Des Voeux Road Central and Ice House Street, on March 22, was held yesterday by Mr. E. Williams (as Coroner) and a jury. Dr. G. H. Thomas said that death was due to a fractured skull and injuries to the brain. A verdict of "Accidental Death" was returned, the jury attaching no blame to the driver.

FLYING IN INDIA.

Amazing Progress of Civil Aviation.

New Delhi, Jan. 22.

Civil aviation in India is progressing by leaps and bounds, according to speakers at a dinner given last night by the Aero Club of India and Burma and the Delhi Flying Club to Col. F. C. Shelmerdine, the retiring Director of Civil Aviation.

Col. Shelmerdine is leaving for England to-morrow to succeed Sir Sefton Brancker (who was killed in the RIO disaster) as Director of Civil Aviation in Great Britain.

When Col. Shelmerdine came out in 1927, there was not an aeroplane on the Indian register. Now there are 66. The flying clubs have put in 11,000 hours' flying.

This is a fine achievement, and Col. Shelmerdine has grounds for satisfaction. With him in London, sympathetic liaison between India and England in civil aviation should be secure.

Sir Victor Sassoon, who presided, said he had never known any one like Sir Sefton Brancker, but he knew no one who was so well qualified to succeed him as Col. Shelmerdine. With a perhaps subconscious memory that the name Shelmerdine figures in Michael Arlen's novels, he described Col. and Mrs. Shelmerdine as "these charming people."

Sir John Thompson, the Chief Commissioner, who is president of the Delhi Flying Club, proposing the toast of Col. and Mrs. Shelmerdine, amused his audience by declaring that every member of the club had the satisfaction of knowing that, in knowledge of flying and desire to encounter its perils, he excelled the president, but Sir John yielded to none in his admiration.

Messrs. Mackinnon & Co. advertise that Messrs. M. T. Johnson and H. V. Wilkinson have been admitted partners of their firm in Hong Kong and Shanghai.

At the meeting of the Sanitary Board yesterday, the following Civil Aviation had done for them, and proceeded to prove his words.

Col. Shelmerdine, in replying, transferred the credit for the light aeroplane club to Sir Victor Sassoon, but gave a fascinating account of the fast development.

Moreover, that a public body such as the Legislative Council Chan-

SOME SIDELIGHTS ON SILVER.

"Subject for Prayer and Fasting."

SECRETS OF SYCEE.

Mr. C. Champkin, in the course of a witty address before the Rotary Club of Hong Kong at the weekly tiffin yesterday dealt in an original manner with the subject of silver, his subject being "This Silver Business."

Mr. Champkin, who caused much amusement with his comments regarding the Chinese tael, nevertheless gave an interesting exposition of the currency problem in China.

Mr. Champkin, after stating that in some respects he might feel an unctuous satisfaction in the reflection that he stood, as it were, in local parentis to the local Rotary Club, said that he wished to make it clear that what he knew about currency entirely concerned other people's hoards.

Unsolved Mysteries.

Theoretically, a monetary tael of the price of charcoal that is extensivly used in the remelting process. It has also been known to change for other reasons. I view

with grave concern the anniversary of the Battle of Salamanca coinciding this year with the Feast of Singing Insects and I shall watch closely the effect this has on the conversion rate.

A Difficult Subject.

Gentlemen, I have said enough about sycee in China to convince you, I hope, that it is a subject more fit for prayer and fasting than for half an hour's consideration after tiffin. With all its peculiarities it is deserving of respect.

In conclusion, Mr. Champkin paid tribute to the late Mr. Stephen, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, whom he termed the ablest and greatest manager of our times.

102.4 is the equivalent. Also in the formula they use to arrive at the conversion rate of 110.90 they allow only 1 per cent. for the superior fineness of bar silver over sycee. As the latter is reduced by copper alloy to about 985 fine, this allowance assumes that bar silver is about 995 fine instead of 998 fine. So here we have another slight difference.

If we export sycee for remelting into bar silver, and base our return upon the certified markings of the Kongku, we shall find that in an average shipment of 20,000 taels, there will be a still further loss of .2 per cent. on fineness and 2 per cent. on weight. These little losses moreover occur when we announce that we are buying sycee specially for export, in which case the mint shops charge us 1/32 per cent. more for what is termed new sycee—that is, the ordinary sycee that is only real sycee.

So here we have another slight difference.

The conversion rate of 110.90

monetary taels for 100 Canton taels of bar silver 995 fine is not a permanent rate. It is true that being merely a rate for the conversion of one kind of silver into another it should be permanent, but it changes with the price of charcoal that is extensivly used in the remelting process.

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SHUT UP FOR TWO YEARS."

Man From Asylum Declares That He Is Sane.

"If his story is true it seems strange indeed to keep him shut up for two years for only stealing an overcoat."

Mr. J. Clements, the chairman, made this comment at Brentford Police Court, where extraordinary allegations were made by Thomas Hardy, aged twenty-five, giving an address at Sleaford Road, Bourne-

mouth, who was accused of breaking and entering an officers' mess at Hounslow Barracks.

Detective Watts said that Hardy

was a criminal lunatic, and had escaped from a mental hospital at Fareham. An escort was on the way to take him back.

Hardy said that he was certified

insane without his knowledge by a prison doctor.

Played The Game.

He was charged while under deten-

tion with stealing an overcoat,

and the judge told him that he was

insane, and sent him to the home.

He had "played the game" for

two years, and had frequently asked

to be let out, but was always told that the Home Office would

not allow it.

His father, a captain in the Royal Navy, tried to get him out,

but he died, and he (Hardy) had

made up his mind to escape and

go to see his mother.

"I am quite sane," he added,

and am perfectly willing to be examined by any doctor."

He was awarded £500 damages

for a motor accident some time

ago, but had never received a penny.

The chairman said that the court

had no option but to hand Hardy

over to the escort, but he seemed

perfectly rational, and the police

should make close inquiries about

the matter and report it to the

court.

It is reported that local flour

mills in the Moose Jaw division of

the Canadian Pacific are doing a

good business this year gristling for

the farmers. At Assiniboin 39,870

bushels of wheat have been gristed

since August 1, compared with

3,835 for the corresponding period

Ten Years Ago.

(From the "China Mail" of April 1, 1921.)

To-day's dollar is worth 2/4%.

In respect of the loss of the British steamer Hong Wan I. The Marine Court is of the opinion that the stranding of the ship was entirely due to the careless navigation

of the Master in view of the fact

that no attempt was made by him

to keep Good Hope Cape light on a

safe bearing, which simple proce-

dure would have averted the

casualty. In view of this fact the

Court orders the Master, Mr. J. D.

Liddell's certificate to be suspended

for two years but grants him a first

mate's certificate during that time.

BISHOP DEFENDS FAITH-HEALING.

Church Support for Laying-on of Hands.
"FANTASTIC" SCIENCE.

A resolution in favour of faith healing was carried with an overwhelming majority by the Lower House of the Convocation of Canterbury.

The resolution asked the Archbishop of Canterbury to appoint a joint committee to draw up a provisional service or services for the laying-on of hands.

It was moved by Prebendary C. Harris, of South Leigh, Oxfordshire, and it pointed out that the primitive rites of anointing and laying hands upon the sick with a view to their recovery were in ex-



WHEN HIS FIRST CAR WAS NEW.—*Passing Show*, London.

tensive use—for the most part with full Episcopal approval. Favourable recognition had been accorded to them by the Lambeth Conference.

Dr. Darwell Stone moved an amendment to omit the words "with a view to their recovery" in favour of "spiritual benefit and bodily healing."

Prebendary Harris accepted the amendment. He said that when he framed the resolution he was thinking quite as much of the soul as of the sickness of the body.

The Rev. T. F. Monahan said: "We cannot lose sight of the fact that a great deal of so-called faith-healing is due to natural causes, and the faith that is necessary is subjective faith rather than objective faith. That is why we see so many cures in what is called Christian Science."

"I do not suppose that there is any more fantastic theory than that of Christian Science, founded as it is on the theory that the body has no existence and therefore pain cannot exist."

"And yet, I suppose, there is no means of faith healing which has been more successful in many respects than Christian Science."

Canon King welcomed the movement. "One finds," he said, "that there is a general belief that anything in the nature of spiritual healing is purely fantastic."

"It is positively heart breaking to feel that there is this tremendous power locked up in the Church which cannot be brought into general use unless we get some official recognition in the form of an office, because that only, I think, could break down the opposition."

The Incredulous Doctor.

"Only a fortnight ago I was speaking to a doctor and happened incidentally to mention that I had been engaged in anointing the sick, and he looked up, and in the most incredulous manner said: 'You don't mean to say you think it is any good?'

"I said: 'No, I do not think it is any good. I know it.'"

"The doctor replied, 'You cannot do anything in the case of organic disease; it is impossible,' and that is the attitude of the medical profession generally."

Canon King said every doctor to whom he had spoken pooh-poohed it.

The Bishop of Woolwich, supporting the resolution, said:

"We are not in antagonism to medical science. There is no conflict with the doctors. What we do feel is that if healing is only attempted on the physical plane it will not take us far."

"Medical men are realising more and more the necessity of spiritual agency in their work."

"The doctors are perfectly willing to co-operate with us, and it is that co-operation which we want to bring about."

"We sing 'Thy touch has still its ancient power,' but the question is: will our people really believe it?"

"Christian Science grows and has grown because of neglect in our Church."

"We have a wonderful opportunity now, and I hope the House will accept the resolution and will ask the assistance of the bishops in the matter."

The Archdeacon of Hastings said he had used the anointing of the sick twice.

In both cases there was great spiritual comfort and value and added peace of mind, but bodily healing did not follow.

At the same time, he felt the anointing was not in vain.

The Toronto Industrial Commission announces an important new industry. Eastern Power Devices Limited, formerly distributors for Canada of high tension disconnecting switch equipment manufactured by the Railway and Industrial Engineering Company of Greensburg, Pa., has been reorganized and will now completely manufacture these products in Toronto.

Conviction Quashed.

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he do so, that cruising with a piratical object by itself rendered a pirate liable to be punished by international law in national Courts. Still less that the status and reputation of a pirate was such as to render him amenable to the Court. It had been agreed by the learned Attorney-General that in order to constitute the crime of piracy for the purpose of these proceedings there must have been present not only a piratical mind but also a piratical act.

Study of Statutes.

This inquiry might be usefully prosecuted in order to ascertain the nature of the act by the study of statutes passed in England to supplement the common law relating to piracy.

His Lordship went on to deal with the relevant statutes and in addition with the law in certain American cases. Concluding by referring to the statute 1 Vict. c. 88, he stated that its language evidently contemplated that violence on a ship might occur where there was intent to commit the crime of piracy either immediately before or immediately after such crime. Violence itself did not make the crime.

Definitions at Fault?

The view that an attack upon a ship at sea by itself constituted a piracy jure gentium and under the criminal law of England was set out in Halsbury's Laws of England and had further the support of Sir James Fitz-James Stephen and the late Dr. Kenny. With great respect to these learned authors it seemed to him that these definitions erred if their purpose was to define the crime as it is punishable by legal proceedings taken in England or in this Court.

His Lordship concluded "I have regarded the jurisdiction of the local court as something carved out of the jurisdiction of the Admiralty. It may be that the High Court of Admiralty sitting to try a person accused of piracy would be bound by the same definition to which common law courts in England have adhered. Wider definitions may have their use where executive action by the Admiralty comes up for consideration."

"For the above reasons the answer which I give to the question of law necessary is that a robbery is necessary to support conviction for piracy in this court."

Mr. Justice R. E. Lindsell concurred, whereupon the Chief Justice announced that the conviction against the accused was quashed. The Criminal Sessions will, by Mr. Justice Wood's direction, resume this afternoon, when it is anticipated that he will discharge the accused.

PASSENGER LIST.**DEPARTURES.**

Per s.s. President Jackson on March 31:—

Mr. F. B. Anderson, Miss Jenkins Bell, Mr. A. Bizzell, Mr. E. Jackson Cassie, Mrs. Melville Collins, Mr. F. Elsi, Mrs. L. A. Garrard, Mstr. John Garrard, Comdr. George C. Logan, U.S.N., Mrs. George C. Logan, Mr. and Mrs. E. Lomato, Mr. E. Minoli, Mrs. M. M. Saleby, Miss Ann Saleby, Miss Sara Saleby, Mr. Paul Schmid, Mr. F. Robert Slater, Major Edwin B. Spiller, U.S.N., Mrs. Edwin B. Spiller, Mrs. Helen Strok, Mrs. Eleanor Clarke Sutton, Mrs. Dorothy Warling, Mr. S. Weiss, Mr. William Van Buskirk, Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Green, Mrs. W. H. Agnew, Mstr. Thomas Hodge, Miss Mary Hodge, Mstr. Charles Hofner, Mr. and Mrs. B. Plior, Miss Elizabeth Plior, Mstr. B. H. Plior, Mr. Gregorio Aglipay, Mr. Santiago Foncier, Lout, Chas. L. Hutton, Mrs. C. L. Hutton, Comdr. Harlow T. Kays, U.S.N., Mr. W. Fox, Mr. J. H. Reisner, Mr. A. McNeary, Mrs. J. W. Fleming, Mr. P. L. Messelier, Mr. Isidoro de los Reyes, Capt., and Mrs. A. G. Sandford, Mr. Gerhard Schwab, Mr. John Skinner, Mr. Clarence Stark, Mrs. J. K. Steele, Miss Peggy Steele, Mrs. James S. Waddington, Master Schofield Mr. and Mrs. Larz Anderson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Bennett Ford, Miss Janet Ford, Master Fred Bennett Ford, jun., Miss Angus McEwen, Mr. G. P. Melville, Mr. R. N. Scott, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Park and two sons, Mr. and Mrs. K. L. Kellogg, Miss Betty M. Kellogg, Mr. Kellogg, jun., Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Achin, Mr. S. Gidley, Mr. H. Halleran, Mrs. Mary B. Pollock, Mrs. L. H. Knapp, Mrs. C. V. Manney, Mrs. P. M. Thornton, Mr. S. O. Gregory, Mr. H. C. Bledermann, Miss P. Hansen, Mrs. L. K. Swenson, Mrs. G. W. Brophy, Miss Caroline M. Braga, Mrs. M. McBrown.

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Hong Kong, April 1, 1931.

SYDNEY HARBOUR.**NEW BRIDGE ONE OF THE BIGGEST FEATS.**

One of the biggest engineering feats in the world, the Sydney Harbour Bridge, is expected to be open for traffic in September next. The tender was for the construction of an arch span of 1,650 feet and five steel girder approach spans on each side of the harbour, complete with approach piers.

The total length of the bridge is 3,770 feet, and the price which the Government of New South Wales agreed to pay is £4,217,721. Newcastle possesses the largest arch bridge in Great Britain.

Under the arch of the bridge at Sydney one could put nine bridges of the size of the one at Newcastle. The headway for shipping at high water is 172 ft. 8 in. under the centre of the main span, and 100 ft. at the shore ends.

SHADOWS BEFORE**COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN CHINA MAIL.****Social Functions.**

To-day—Tea Dance at Hong Kong Hotel.

To-night—Dinner Dances at Peninsula and Repulse Bay Hotels.

To-morrow—Whist Drive and Social, Gun Club Hill, H.K.S.B.R.A. Sergeant's Mess.

April 11—H.K. University Law and Commerce Society annual dinner, Lane, Crawford's Restaurant 8.30 p.m.

Entertainments.

To-day—King's Theatre; "Monte Carlo."

To-day—Queen's Theatre; "The Gold Diggers of Broadway."

To-day—Central Theatre; "Al's Button."

To-day—Majestic Theatre; "Love at First Sight."

To-day—Star Theatre; "Tea for Three."

To-day—World Theatre; "Story of Movieland," (Chinese picture).

To-morrow—Star Theatre; Music from the Ether (Prof. Martenot).

Sports.

See Sport Diary on Page 8.

Meetings.

April 27—Court of University, 5.15 p.m.

Home Malls.

Friday—Inward from Europe via Nagapatanam (Hakusan Maru); Outward for Europe via Siberia (Hakusan Maru), 8 a.m.

Miscellaneous.

To-day—Annual Lenten Sermon at Catholic Cathedral, Glenealy, 6 p.m.

DISASTER TO THE R.101.

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tion of possible causes of these successive movements the report proceeds "How the vessel began to lose gas can never be definitely ascertained. Her rolling was exceptionally bad at stages.

The pitching of the ship would intensify the strain, and the earlier flights had indicated the possibility of leakage through chafing or if the vessel rolled through an unusually large angle through the intermittent opening of the gas valves. But it seems very probable that the more serious and sudden loss of gas which followed was connected with the specific misfortune, such as the ripping of the fore-part of the envelope. Something of this sort had happened on a previous occasion, and no amount of care could secure that it would never happen again.

If the tear had begun in the fore-part of the envelope it would tend to develop into a larger tear which would both check speed and expose the gasbags to an additional strain. This seems the most probable explanation of the further loss of gas in increasing quantity and suddenness. But, whatever may have been the precise circumstances, the explanation that the disaster was caused by a substantial loss of gas in very bumpy weather holds the field. This is the unanimous view of all three members of the Court of Inquiry."

N. V. A. CROUCHER.

Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the interest of Mr. NOEL VICTOR AMOR CROUCHER in our firm ceased as from the 31st day of March, 1931.

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Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that we have to-day admitted Mr. SHI YU-MAN as a partner in our Firm.

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Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

NOTICE.

I HEREBY GIVE NOTICE that I have retired from the firm of Messrs. BENJAMIN & POTTS as from the 31st day of March, 1931, and have opened offices at Exchange Building where I am carrying on business as a Stock & Share Broker as from the date hereof under the style or firm name of "Croucher & Co."

N. V. A. CROUCHER.

Dated the 1st of April, 1931.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.**EASTER EXTRA MEETING, 1931.**

After the public sittings of the Court were closed the National Physical Laboratory was asked to make a series of calculations for the purpose of ascertaining what would be the theoretic movement of the R.101 on various assumptions as to the loss of gas, the angle of the elevator, increasing pressure due to buffets of wind, and so forth. These calculations were assisted by experiments made with a model four feet long which precisely reproduced the external form of R.101 and by measuring the effect upon this model of currents of air of ascertained velocity when the model was put in various positions in the wind tunnel.

The Court's conclusion as to the cause of the accident is shown by the calculations of the National Physical Laboratory to be consistent with facts and to correspond with the assumptions which may reasonably be made.

Inadequate Speed Trials.

Dealing with the lack of adequate speed trials, the report says: "It is impossible to avoid the conclusion that the R.101 would not have started for India on October 4, if it had not been that reasons of public policy were considered as making it highly desirable for her to do so if she could. But this is not to say that the aforesaid political and technical was responsible for or as published in this decision would ever have done so if they had not considered that the risk that was to be taken was justified." British Wireless Service.

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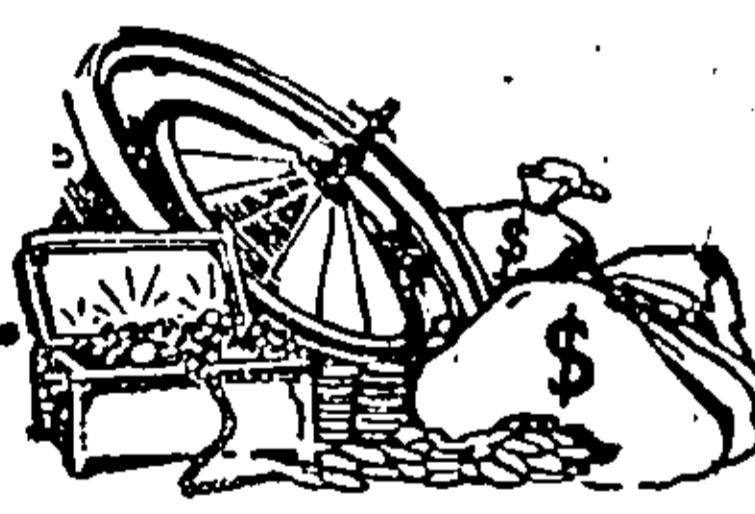
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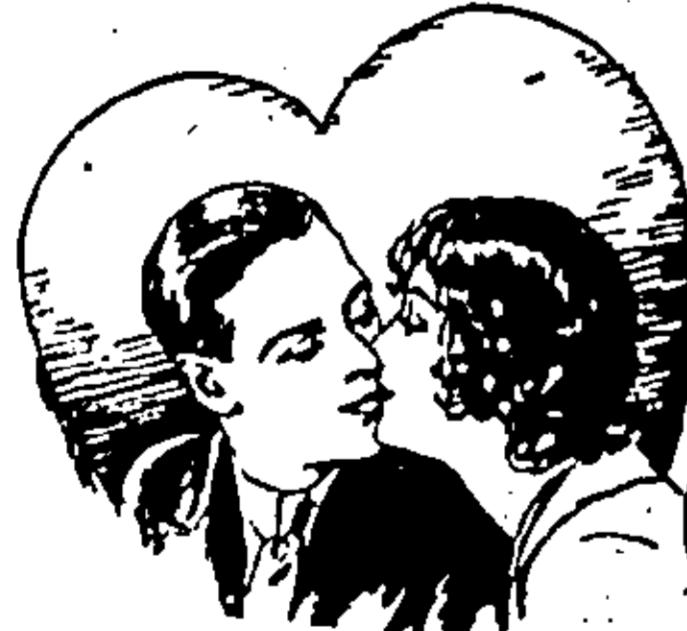
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FRENCH CHAMPIONS IN AMERICA.

Advantage Gained in
"Indoor Davis Cup."

MARKE SUPERIORITY.

New York, March 24. France virtually won her "indoor Davis Cup series" with the United States to-day when her doubles team, Jean Borotra and Christian Boussus, easily disposed of George Lott and Johnny Van Ryn, 7-5, 6-4, 6-1. The victory gave France a two to one advantage.

The two final singles matches will be played to-morrow, with Borotra meeting Berkeley Bell and with Boussus meeting Frank Shields. France is expected to win at least one of these and thus win the series by three matches to two. —Associated Press.

WIN Doubles Match.

New York, March 24. Jean Borotra and Christian Boussus, French tennis stars, playing in the international indoor team matches, to-day proved their superiority over John Van Ryn and George Lott, winning in straight sets.

The scores were: 7-5, 6-1, 6-4.—United Press.

MERCEDES GLEITZE CHALLENGED.

Maori Woman Wants
Another Contest.

ONLY ONE STIMULANT

Although she expresses nothing but keen appreciation for the good sportsmanship of Miss Mercedes Gleitze, winner of the Manly £500 endurance swimming contest, Kairina Nehua, the Maori woman who finished second, is far from satisfied that the Channel swimmer is her superior in the sport. At the week-end Miss Nehua issued a challenge for another contest for £25 aside, but since the issue of the challenge the Maori champion has been inundated with offers of backing, and now wishes to increase the stake money to £200.

Miss Nehua is willing to have the contest held anywhere Miss Gleitze wishes, but stipulates that the only stimulant allowed the contestants be brandy.

LAWN TENNIS YESTERDAY.

Sullivan and Goldman Win Comfortably.

The following were the results of the matches down for decision in yesterday's programme at the H.K.C.C.:

Open Doubles.

Sullivan and Goldman beat Segal and Zimmerman 6-1, 6-0.

Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-kit beat Lee and Lee 7-5, 6-4.

Handicap Doubles.

Robinson and Dr. Linde beat Bowker and Gordon 6-4, 6-2.

S. E. and S. D. Green beat Prior and Brooks 6-3, 3-6, 7-5.

Keyserling and Jensen beat Colman and Tufton 6-1, 6-3.

Wood and Lenox beat Ferguson and Wilson.

Handicap Singles "A".

Henderson beat Deane 6-1, 6-2.

CAPT. CAMPBELL'S AMBITION.

300 M.P.H.

London, March 7. Sir Malcolm Campbell, speaking at a dinner given in his honour by "The Field" at the Savoy Hotel, last night, said that his speed car was capable of going very much faster than it had done. He added: "My greatest ambition is to do five miles a minute before I retire from motor racing. It is well within the bounds of possibility. I would not say definitely that this car can do it. The highest speed I reached before I had trouble with the gear was 266 miles an hour."

He felt after than ever before, his standard of driving was better than ever, and he had got more confidence. "He intended to have another shot at it."

For 15 years I have been playing on one type of cloth. Now I am playing on the new napless cloth, and although by the end of the season I think I shall be making bigger breaks than ever before, the change is having its effect.—Walter Lindrum.

HENDREN NEARLY ARRESTED.

Suspicious Gatekeeper at
a Test.

TALE HEARD BEFORE

Durban, March 6. It is revealed that Patsy Hendren was nearly arrested for being a suspicious person at one of the Test matches.

The gatekeeper, in the best Test tradition, held his nose in the air while Hendren fumbled for his pass. A man with a sinister voice whispered in the gatekeeper's ear—"Beware of that man; he's been following us all the morning."

That settled it. The gatekeeper, tossed his head higher and winked at the constable significantly. He smiled loftily as Patsy entreated—"I am Hendren." It was an "I've heard that tale before" smile.

But the crisis turned in favour of Hendren as "Tup" Holmes, a selector, came up and gave the password to the suspicious sentinel.

The man with the sinister voice took Patsy's arm. He was one of his best friends, with whom he had been staying.—P. A. Foreign Special.

BLACKHEATH BEAT MOSELEY.

London Scottish Win But
London Welsh Lose.

WIN FOR GREYS.

London, March 21. The following were the results of to-day's principal club games.

London Scottish—St. Bart's Hosp. 13-8.

Old Alleynians—Guy's 17-27.

Blackheath—Moseley 28-5.

Old Blues—Harlequins 5-18.

Portsmouth Services—Bristol 8-5.

Gloucester—Newport 0-8.

Bradford—Richmond 8-3.

Northampton—London Welsh 19-10.

Our Sports Diary.

LOCAL.

LAWN TENNIS—To-day—H.K.C.C. Tournament.

ATHLETICS—To-day—St. Paul's College Sports, Caroline Hill, 1 p.m.

GOLF—To-morrow—Entries close for Shanghai Visitors' Cup, Fanling.

Sunday—Shanghai Visitors' Cup, Fanling; Open Foursomes, Kowloon.

FOOTBALL—To-morrow—United Services Finals—Junior: H.M.S. Bridgewater v. H.M.S. Bruce, 3 p.m.; Senior—H.M.S. Hermes v. H.M.S. Medway, 4.40 p.m.

Saturday—Senior Shield—South China A.A. v. Borderers; Junior Shield—H.K.F.C. v. Navy; League I—Chinese Athletic v. Kowloon F.C.; Club de Recreio v. Argylls; League II—St. Joseph's v. Eastern F.C.; University v. Argylls; League III—Tukien v. R.E.

April 18—Sunday—Herald Cup Final—Scotland v. China.

RIFLE SHOOTING—Friday and Saturday—Volunteer Corps Rifle Meeting, Stonecutters'.

HOCKEY—Saturday—Caeer Cup—Hong Kong Ladies' Hockey Club v. Diocesan Girls' School.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—To-day—Club "A" v. H.M.S. Medway, 5.15 p.m.

Saturday—Club v. Army, Soo-kunpo, 3 p.m.

RACING—Saturday and Monday—Second Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley, 12.30 p.m.

April 18—Third Extra Race Meeting, Happy Valley.

CRICKET—Saturday—Civil Service C.C. v. R.A.; Indian R.C. v. Diocesan Boys' School.

FENCING—Monday—Fencing Club Meeting, Yacht Club, 5.15 p.m.

CHESS—Tuesday—Open Chess Championship commences.

SWIMMING—April 8—V.R.C. Annual Meeting, 6 p.m.

HOME.

RACING—Monday—Queen's Prize.

April 21—Newbury Spring Cup.

April 22—City and Suburban Handicap.

April 23—Two Thousand Guineas.

FOOTBALL—Monday—Army Cup Final, Aldershot.

April 24—Scottish Cup Final; Amateur Cup Final; Army v. Navy and Marines.

April 25—English Cup Final, Wembley.

GOLF—April 19—Professional Tournament, Roehampton.

April 20-24—English Amateur Championship.

April 25 and 26—Professional Tournament, Torquay.

April 27—Army Championship.

RUGBY FOOTBALL—April 11—British Army v. French Army, Twickenham.

WICKET PROTECTION IN DERBYSHIRE.

Whole Wicket Now to Be
Covered.

FINANCIAL REASONS.

London, March 6. For some seasons Derbyshire have stood out against covering the whole of the wicket before county matches on home grounds. The former captain, G. R. Jackson, was always against the practice, as he thought it was not in the best interests of the game, but the committee have now decided to follow the example of the other counties in extending the protection of the wicket. This action has been prompted by the amount of revenue lost through delays after rain had ceased under the previous system of covering only up to the popping creases.

WEBSTER'S APPEAL TURNED DOWN.

NURMI'S RECORD.

London, March 7. The appeals of the suspended athletes, J. E. Webster, J. W. Beman, and F. Light (Birchfield H.), for requalification were considered by the General Committee of the A.A.A. at a meeting held at the London Polytechnic to-day. It was decided that the appeals were premature and were not in order.

The committee accepted the time of P. Nurmi, at Stamford Bridge last June (29min. 30 2/5sec.) for six miles, as a British record.

It was agreed to permit athletes to wear sleeveless vests.

CRAWFORD'S SUCCESS IN AUSTRALIA.

STRENUOUS DOUBLE

Sydney, March 7. Jack Crawford, the Australian Davis Cup player, to-day won the Australian-Singles Championship, beating the New South Wales player H. O. Hopman 6-4, 6-2, 2-6, 6-1. He also became joint holder with Hopman of the Men's Doubles Championship, beating R. Donohoe and C. Dunlop 8-6, 6-2, 5-7, 7-5 (retired).

GRANT LEAVES FOR INDIA.

Not As Missionary.

Melbourne, March 10. C. G. Grant, captain of the West Indian touring eleven in Australia, left for India to-day.

Subsequently he is going to Rhodesia, but on his departure he denied the report that he is going to Rhodesia as a missionary.

DEMPSEY NOT TO COME-BACK!

BATTLE URGE GONE.

New York, March 13. "Jack fights no more," is the latest Dempsey story.

All the old urge to battle has gone, he says, and this definitely dispels the periodical rumours that Dempsey will attempt a come-back.

CANADA DEFEATS ENGLAND.

ICE HOCKEY.

London, March 6. Canada beat England by seven goals to one in the second ice hockey match between the countries at Streatham Ice Rink, yesterday.

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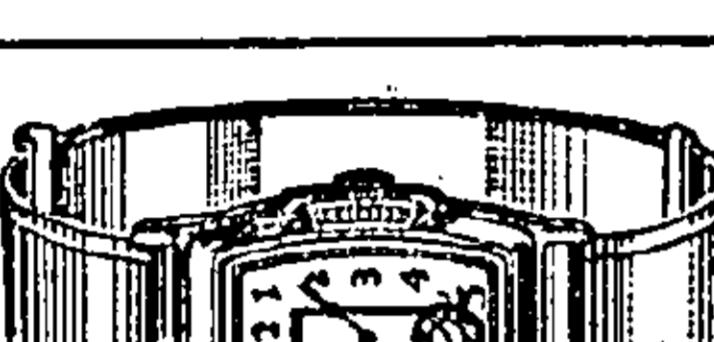
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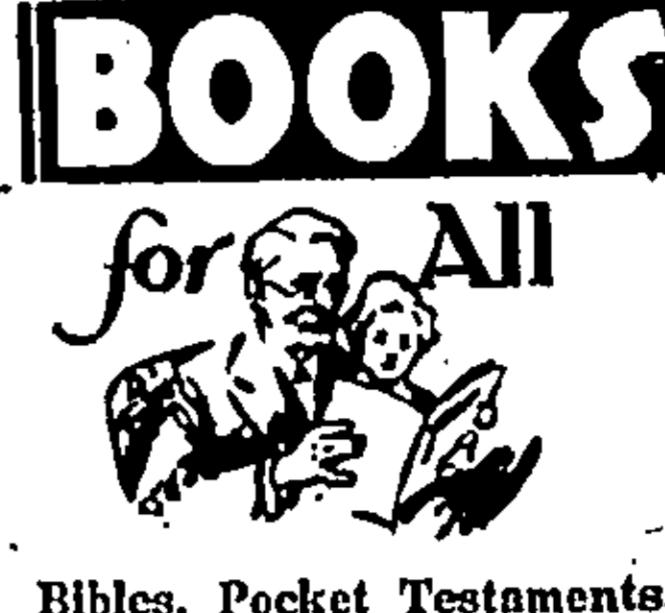
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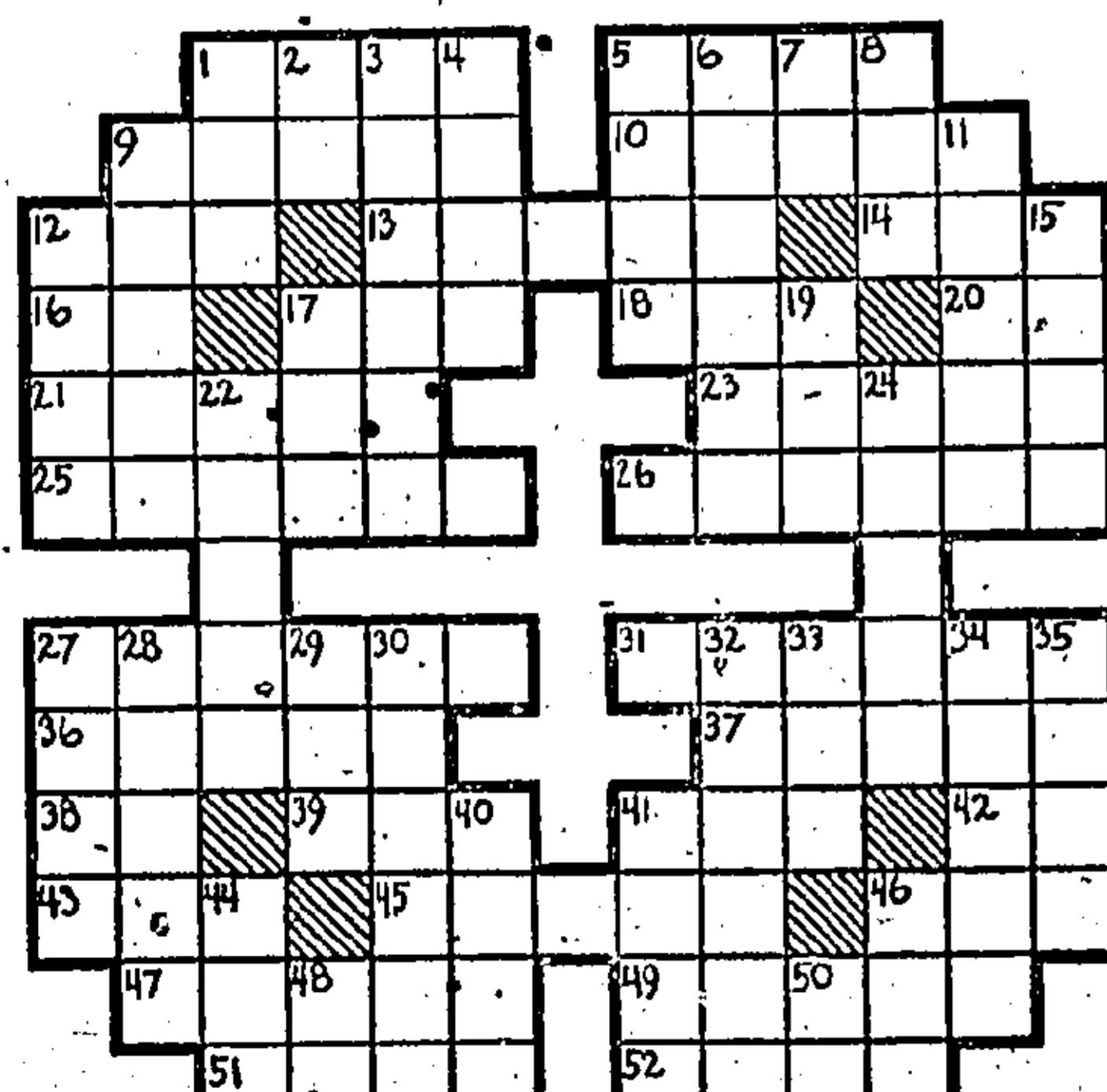
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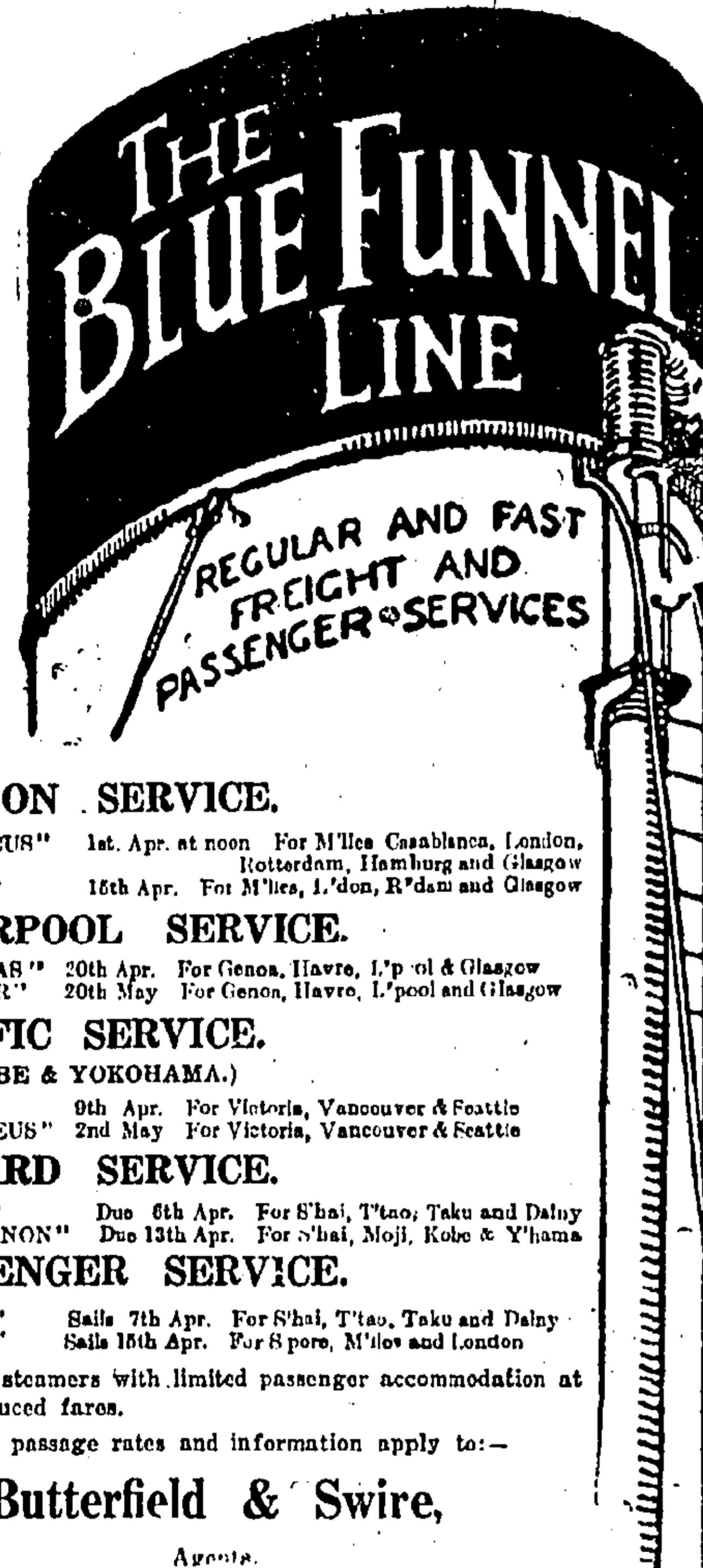
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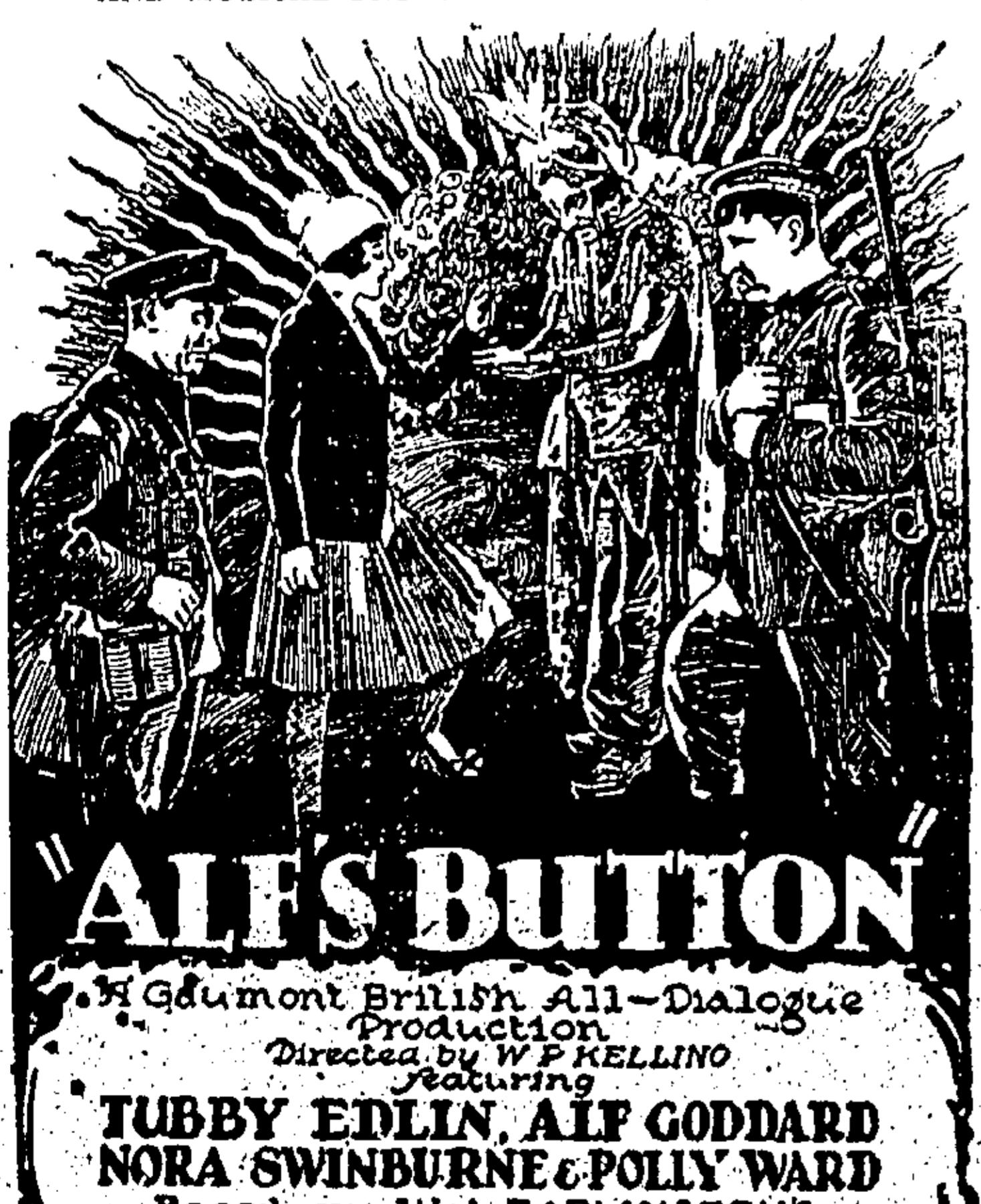
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Karachi, Yesterday. A storm of noisy enthusiasm resounded throughout the town at midnight, denoting the termination of Congress, whose final act was the unanimous adoption of a resolution consisting of an elaboration of Gandhi's famous "eleven points," forming the official definition of "Purna Swaraj," demanding an Indian native Government endowed with various fundamental rights; laying down a catalogue of detailed provisions, including the abolition of the salt duty; a new exchange and currency policy; the reduction of military expenditure by at least half; the fixation of a wage for industrial workers; the protection of Indian cloth by the exclusion of foreign yarn; total prohibition, and the limitation of Civil Servants' salaries to £450. "Under the Swaraj," declared Gandhi, "even the Viceroy will not be paid more than 500 monthly."

He added that the foregoing would represent Congress demands at the resumed Round Table Conference.

The final session was protracted by the President's ruling that no decision should be reached until the return of Hindus and Moslems, who were temporarily absent praying.

Moslems Murdered.
Cawnpore, Yesterday.

The situation is steadily improving and military pickets have been withdrawn from certain areas, but owing to the fear of outbreaks of disease and further trouble, the inhabitants of the affected areas are taking refuge elsewhere. The principal bazaars remain closed.

Several Moslems are reported to have been killed and their houses burned down in villages near Cawnpore, whether a strong force of Police has proceeded.

Earlier News.
Karachi, Yesterday.

On the proposal of Gandhi, the Subjects Committee of the All-India Congress has decided upon the fundamental conditions of Swaraj Government. These conditions are: the total prohibition of liquor, the limitation of the salaries of State officials to £450 a year, the exclusion of foreign cloth and yarn, and the exclusion of income tax on agricultural income and inheritance tax.

PRINCE'S BEDROOM RANSACKED.

Theft by Prominent
Young Argentinian.

JEWELLERY RECOVERED.

New York, Yesterday. It is revealed that while the Prince of Wales and Prince George were enjoying the hospitality of Buenos Aires on March 14, Prince George's bedroom in the British Embassy was broken into and ransacked, personal jewellery of a considerable value being stolen, but it was recovered by the Police. The thief is alleged to be a prominent young Argentinian. — Reuter's American Service.

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DYSENTERY
Obtainable of all chemists.

QUARRY BAY SCHOOL.

Annual Festival of
Spring.

PRETTY LITTLE FUNCTION.

Rugby, Yesterday. Commander Glen Kidston, with Lieutenant Cathcart Jones, as Assistant Pilot, and Wireless Operator Johnson, left Netheravon, Wiltshire, this morning for Cape Town, which he hopes to reach in six days. The present record established by the South African airman, Casparuthus, is 3½ days. Commander Kidston is proceeding via Athens, Cairo, Nairobi, Broken Hill, and Cape Town. — British Wireless Service.

Naples, Yesterday. Commander Glen Kidston arrived here to-day. — Reuter.

LONDON BROKERS DISAPPOINTED.

Fiasco of Lancashire Cotton Issue.

LACK OF CONFIDENCE?

London, Yesterday. The City is very disappointed with the result of the Lancashire cotton issue. The underwriters are left with 96 per cent, so that only £80,000 has been taken up by the public. — Reuter.

COMPANY DIVIDEND

HONG KONG ENGINEERING AND CONSTRUCTION.

The Directors of the Hong Kong Engineering and Construction Company, Limited, will, at the meeting of shareholders to be held on April 22, recommend the following allocation of profits, after writing off \$16,819.57 for plant and machinery, motor trucks, motor-junk, etc. — To pay a dividend of 15

per cent, viz., 30 cents per share \$ 28,650.00
To carry forward to credit of next year's account 28,791.55

\$ 57,441.55

THE GREAT EASTERN.

Historic Journey Of Famous Ship.

On January 27, 1870, the famous Great Eastern arrived at Bombay with the cable which was to be laid between that port and Suez, and which was more needed than ever by the shipping world since the opening of the canal.

The Telegraph Construction and Maintenance Company chartered her, painted her white for the service, and sent her out from Portland loaded down with 10,600 tons of coal, 5,400 tons of cable, and necessary gear.

It was a particularly interesting job for the old ship, for she was originally designed to run in the Indian Ocean trade, preferably to Colombo, where her mighty cargo would be distributed into smaller ships for India and Australia, but the bankruptcy of her original owners, owing to the time she took to be launched, had caused her to be bought for the New York run, a service for which she was in no way fitted and in which her wonderful coal capacity and other features were absolutely wasted.

This cable job showed that she had many advantages on a long run, but by then it was too late to make any commercial use of her.

INFANT MORTALITY IN HONG KONG.

More Suitable for a Grand Guignol.

1,724 BODIES IN 1929.

London, Yesterday. In the House of Commons today, to a question which another member suggested was "more suitable for the Grand Guignol Theatre than the Commons," Dr. Drummond Shiels, of the India Office, said that 956 male and 768 female children, aged three or under, were found dead in the streets of Hong Kong in 1929. — Reuter.

[Lord Passfield stated in the House of Commons recently that it was impossible to make a large population of Chinese bury their dead children. The Government had been striving for years to prevent the practice. The finding of the corpses of infants in the streets of a big city was not uncommon, and the number found in London was somewhat considerable.]

NEW U.S. MINISTER UNDER-SECRETARY OF STATE APPOINTED.

Washington, Yesterday. President Hoover has appointed Mr. W. R. Castle, Junior, as Under-Secretary of State in succession to the late Mr. Joseph Cotton. — Reuter's American Service.

Thirty-two new industries were established in Manitoba in the year 1930, while 16 established industries added new lines and 12 expanded their factories.

AMUSEMENTS

AT THE
QUEEN'S SHOWING TO-DAY
At 2.30, 5.10, 7.15 & 9.20.

SINGERS, DANCERS, GLORIOUS GIRLS AND
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Warner Bros. Present Al Jolson in SAY IT WITH SONGS With Davey Lee



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AT THE STAR FINAL SHOWINGS TO-DAY

4.30 & 9.20